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July 20, 1924.

Mr. Lloyd Garrison,
State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your instructions dated July 12, and to report as follows:

LITTLEWATER.

I have not yet visited Littlewater. I believe some time could be saved if you will give me the name of the person complaining.

JOHN R. WILSON.

I have handed the complaint of John R. Wilson to sheriff Arzy H. Mitchell of this county who has had many years experience as water master and deputy water commissioner. He will be visiting the district from which the complaint comes early this week and has volunteered to quietly look into the matter and report to me without any expense to the state.

RED CREEK.

I visited Red Creek July 18 and 19. I was particularly impressed with the waste of water in this vicinity due to the failure of the owners to keep the water together and rotate it. Pursuant to Mr. Oxley's advice the ditch belonging to Faucett, Young, et al has been provided with a rectangular weir and is now drawing approximately four second feet. Mr. Murdock with a prior filing is drawing one second foot. The balance of eight second feet which I found to be flowing in the creek is being dissipated in culinary streams. I visited part or all of the owners of the ditch from Murdock's ranch, which is the lowest place of use to the McMillan ranch which is the highest place of use, and recommended to all these people that they co-operate in obtaining a commissioner at once who would rotate the eight second feet of water now in Red Creek. There are under cultivation perhaps not to exceed 1600 acres drawing water from Red Creek and the eight second feet now flowing are approximately wasted due to the lack of knowledge and failure of co-operation.

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Fortunately, the owners of this water are agreeing among themselves at this time.

ELDWIN WALL, COMMISSIONER, ANTELOPE CREEK.

On Antelope Creek the Marshall Land and Livestock Company claim a water right due to use but not due to filing. The commissioner, Mr. Wall, is not disposed to acknowledge the right of the Marshall Land and Livestock Company, and arrested Mr. Mathews, an employee of this company for taking water. The sheriff was absent and Mr. Mathews, therefore, was not dealt with according to Section 67, Chapter 67, Session Laws of 1919, but was taken by Mr. Tuttle to a justice of the peace and Mr. Wall swore to a complaint. I am advised by Mr. R. E. Dillman, County attorney for Duchesne County, that if the state wishes to prosecute the case he will have a re-arrest made by the sheriff. In my mind Mr. Mathews is not guilty of a crime. In taking water from Antelope Creek he was following the instructions of his employers who informed him that they had a water right and would support him in his action. We will await your further advice in this case. Mr. Wall feels that if Mr. Mathews is turned loose it will weaken the stand of the state engineer on Antelope Creek to distribute water according to the priority of recorded applications.

Mr. Myrup of Hill Creek has decided to remain in Roosevelt until definite action is taken regarding the appointment of the commissioner in his district.

Abstract of files on the Dry Gulch and its tributaries arrived today.

Sincerely yours,

